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Photograph Holders and Paper Holders in great variety.

Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Stand Covers, Gloves, Hosiery and Dress Goods.

Every article in the store is reduced to prices we will not quote, but that will induce you to buy.

Remember, the place to save your money is at

The New Store,
NEXT TO MILLIKIN'S BANK.

S. HUMPHREYS.

THE ENGLISH SPIES

Recently Arrested by the Police of St. Etienne

TRIED, CONVICTED AND SENTENCED

A Full Account of Their Operations, and How They Were Trapped by a French Foreman—Caught in the Act.

boxes and wrapped in traveling bags, a number of rifles and carbine stocks and barrels, and other portions of rifles and carbines. In course of manufacture at St. Etienne, which showed that Chassel was not the only employee of the arms factory at St. Etienne who had been approached by the English spies.

The police also obtained information at the time he occupied at St. Etienne for the special purpose of endeavoring to procure, for a firm in Birmingham, specimens of the new weapons being manufactured at St. Etienne, which for the French and Russian governments, Rudnell, his companion, declared that he had been sent to St. Etienne by the authorities of Coventry, his native town, in order to study the process of ribbon weaving and the manufacture of steel in order that he might become a professor in the conveyer technical school.

Rudnell, however, had been engaged by Uncle Sam in constructing for good cause, in case of necessity in the future, the British authorities are very closely watching the development of the new American navy, and that they do not mean to let any improvements from the American side of the Atlantic pass unnoticed by the British army and navy bureaus.

When interrogated by the examining magistrate, Cooper frankly admitted that he had gone to St. Etienne for the special purpose of endeavoring to procure, for a firm in Birmingham, specimens of the new weapons being manufactured at St. Etienne, which for the French and Russian governments, Rudnell, his companion, declared that he had been sent to St. Etienne by the authorities of Coventry, his native town, in order to study the process of ribbon weaving and the manufacture of steel in order that he might become a professor in the conveyer technical school.

The existence of this "quiet intelligence" brigade, long suspected of underhanded operations, was disclosed most vividly during the trial of the persons concerned with Emil Tripone and others in selling the secret of the manufacture of Melinite, the new French explosive, to an agent of the Armstrong Gun Co.

The revelations then made were of such startling nature that the French government ordered the most extraordinary precautions to be taken against English and other spies, and caused a military commission to draw up a report upon additional and most severe penalties to be inflicted upon spies. The commission's recommendations included the death penalty for espionage, which will shortly be introduced by the government. The men tried, convicted and sentenced at St. Etienne on Saturday were arrested at that place on November 24 last. They are both Englishmen and were named, respectively, John Cooper and Walter Rudnell.

Cooper, it appears, arrived at St. Etienne early in November and managed to mix himself a great deal into the society of men employed in the manufacture of small firearms and arms.

The manufacture of arms, it may be added, constitutes the chief industry of St. Etienne, and it is there that the French and Russian governments are having prepared the marvels concerning which so many marvelous tales are told.

Cooper, soon after his arrival at St. Etienne, seems to have made overtures to one of the foremen of the small arms factory, a man named Chassel, with the intention of obtaining specimens of the new Russian and French rifles, which had been recently furnished there in very large numbers.

Cooper, who appeared to be in possession of a large sum of money, promised to pay very handsomely for the "specimens" required.

Foreman Chassel, however, was the wrong kind of man for the English spy to deal with. The foreman listened quietly to all the spy had to say, appeared to agree with the latter in his propositions, and then informed the manager of the factory as to the nature of the proposals which had been made to him.

The manager, after consultation with higher authorities, instructed Chassel to continue, pretending to entertain the offer made by Cooper, and to lead the latter into a trap from which there would be no escape. In accordance with these plans Chassel was given the barrel of one of the new weapons, in order that he might, by giving it to the spy, more effectively lead the Englishman into the trap thus baited for him.

Cooper, however, seemed to have had no second thoughts. He suddenly noticed that all his movements were watched, and, consequently, he suddenly disappeared and was believed to have returned to Birmingham, his home.

On November 23, however, Cooper just as suddenly reappeared at St. Etienne and, in the calmest manner possible reopened negotiations with Chassel, the foreman already referred to. The result of these renewed negotiations was that Chassel agreed to meet Cooper again, this time at St. Etienne, and the Englishman who is known as Walter Rudnell, Chassel was to bring to Rudnell's lodgings the stock, barrel, and fittings of the new Russian rifle, as well as portions of the new French carbine, a weapon which is supposed to be to good service in the French navy. Seven o'clock was the hour appointed for the meeting, and Chassel, having previously notified his superior, who in turn had placed the two spies in communication with the police, applied to the police for a search of the spy's cavalry carbines.

Chassel took the weapon, examined it, and was in the act of handing Chassel a roll of bank notes, in exchange for it, when the foreman placed a whistle to his mouth, blew a shrill blast upon it, and in response the door of the room was burst open and the two English spies were in the hands of a strong force of police. Both Cooper and Rudnell were so taken by surprise that they had no opportunity to defend themselves or to attempt to escape. Cooper, however, the moment he heard the door burst open, hurriedly placed a piece of paper in his mouth and tried to swallow it. Chassel, seeing this action, sprang upon him and, with the paper from his teeth, and, with the assistance of the police, obtained full possession of it, eventually handing it over to the authorities. Rudnell made a faint attempt to make use of a revolver which he drew from his pocket, but the weapon was knocked out of his hand by a gentleman's sword, and the gun, having fallen to the floor, was soon on the way to the police depot.

When the spies were brought up for trial, on Saturday, Cooper adopted the same line of defense as referred to when he appeared before the examining magistrate. He admitted that he had no opportunity to defend himself or to attempt to escape.

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When the spies had been taken away, the police searched the apartment they had occupied and found concealed about the bed, in trunks, half as low as to use such means in endeavor-

ing to obtain information in regard to the doings of England's neighbors. The revelations made recently at the time of the melitaires and the recent trials of Cooper and Rudnell have shown the British authorities are even worse sinners in this direction than any of the continental authorities.

It would be well, in consequence, for the United States authorities to keep a close watch upon the British, and of several persons were killed, young Herivel lost his head and raved wildly. After a time he quieted down and stripped off his coat, threw it down and put on a pea jacket which he carried. He sat down in the corner for a time and then said aloud: "This ends my railroading; I guess I'll skip." With that he disappeared.

The New York police seem to think that Herivel is not far from this city and do not credit the suicide theory.

A Missing Document.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 29.—It has become known that the bond given to the United States government by Jefferson Davis, to answer to the circuit court in this city for treason, is missing from the circuit record. This paper has learned that the signature of General Lee, of the Confederate army, is on the bond.

John Minor Botts, George C. Smith and other prominent persons.

The present clerk of the circuit court, M. L. Pleasant, who was the chief clerk of the department of justice in Washington at the time of his appointment to his present position in 1870, found that the document was missing soon after his advent.

He called the circuit court, and the document was missing. He then gave the successor, E. E. Miller, the same charge.

The *Baltimore Sun* says:

New York, Dec. 29.—The Evening Telegram publishes the following, under Washington date: It is believed the court of arbitration in the Behring sea case has been decided upon. The government will select France and it is believed that England will select Italy. These powers will select a third. As the sealing season will not open until June, there is no great hurry.

A prominent member of the foreign affairs committee of the senate, who has been consulted in every stage of the Behring sea case said yesterday morning that it is not to be expected that the decision made by the commission would be entirely satisfactory to either party.

The commission's recommendations include the award of \$1,000,000 to the Behring sea, which will be paid to the British government.

The Behring sea is the most simple magazine weapon in Europe, and that it will be made to wonders in the hands of the French army and navy. It is particularly as a naval weapon of the future that the English authorities have been attracted towards it, and it is this feature which led to the expedition of Messrs. Cooper and Rudnell.

The gun is a breech loader, and differs in it in but few important points; these points, however, are kept secret, though it is said, a cheaper form of magazine

is the main improvement. The Behring sea rifle was produced by the British company, and it is stated to be the identical Lee gun which was once offered to the British war office. The Behring rifle holds four cartridges at a time, and differs at the cartridge factory.

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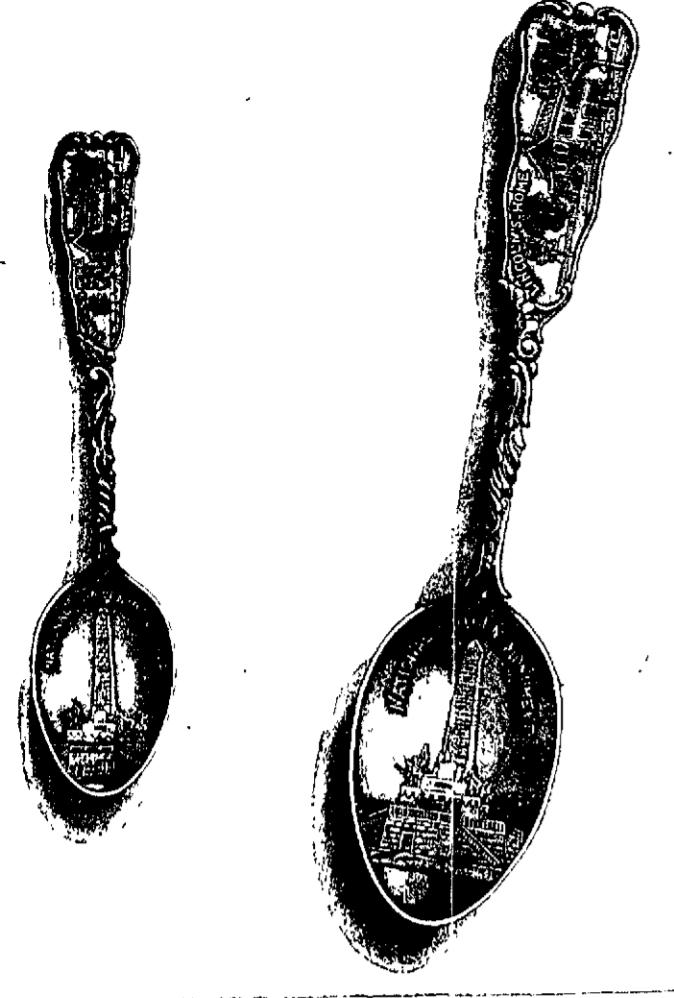
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TUESDAY EVE, DEC. 29, 1891.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

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The sets will be \$6.00, \$7.50, \$8.00,
\$8.50, \$10.00, and \$15.00, are all
available now, and we have plenty
of them. We do not want you to miss
this article. E. D. BARTHOROMEW & CO.

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WOOL'S fine chocolate at Wool's.

dec10-12w

"Two Orphans" to-night at the Grand.

Buy your candies at Wood's. d10 d&w

TEETH, 88—Hawkins & Moore, dentists

7th best and pleasant air rifles. 99c

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HOMEMADE candies, fresh every day, at

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TRY Harry Miller's buttercup—new

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again.

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Wool's. dec10 d&w

The Kata Clayton company is at the

St. Nicholas hotel.

This Woman's Club will keep open

house on New Year's Day.

FAMILY groceries to suit you at Hanks

& Co. store on South Water street.

Buy the White Loaf and Daily Bread

there and you will have good bread.

Good winter apples only \$2.00 a barrel

at May & Chircanian's grocery store.

CARD for the Michel Little Rose and

Bouquet cigars. None better in the city.

Four styles of Off and Collar boxes,

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600 whites, from 10 to 70¢, worth three

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your Paints, Wall Paper and Window

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a holiday present, go to the 99c Store.

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shown in Decatur. Woods, 142 Merchant street. dec10 d&w

The Decatur agent for the Remington Standard Typewriter is J. H. Young, at the Republican office. dtf

TRAVEL on all the railroads has been

very heavy during the holidays. To-day

the trains were crowded.

One hundred and eighteen carloads of

corn were unloaded at one of the elevators in Marcus one day last week.

The funeral of Samuel Daniel is in

progress this afternoon from the restdence

corner of Union and King streets.

TOLEDO, in Champaign county, donated

\$2,000 toward the erection of a flouring

mill there, to cost not less than \$15,000.

On the new court house a tem-

porarily suspended because of absence

of iron. It is supposed to be on the way.

Mrs. Brown, wife of W. B. Brown, in-

vestor of the corn planter, died yester-

day, aged 79 years. Mr. Brown is seri-

ously ill.

The celebrated Centemer kid gloves

are only \$1.50, all colors.

No other glove

will compare with them in beauty or

quality as Linn & Scruggs D. G. & Co.

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The REPUBLICAN is indebted to the

Leader Manufacturing Co., of Decatur,

for a very handsome World's Fair sou-

venir calendar for 1892. The Company

is remembering friends generally with

the beauty calendars.

The following officers of the Young

People's Society of Christian Endeavor

of the First Presbyterian church were

elected last night: President, Rev. W. H.

Pemberton, vice president, George

Matthews, secretary, Miss Carrie Knapp;

treasurer, Henry Marrott.

ACCORDING to the latest bank state-

ments made to the Comptroller of the

Currency, showing the condition of the

twenty-four national banks in Chicago,

their floundered status is unusually good.

The individual deposits aggregated \$65-

333,000, and the reserve held was \$11,533

per cent.

As Ayer's Sarsaparilla outstrips all

other blood-purifiers in popular favor, so

Ayer's Almanac is the most universally

published of the kind in the world.

It is printed in ten languages

and the annual issue exceeds fourteen

million of copies. Ask your druggist

for it.

DR. ALEXANDER took six well-known

old people from Jacksonville and the im-

mediate vicinity. They were Mrs. Ed-

ward Harvey, Mrs. Henry Backford, Mrs.

Mary Peck, Stephen Rawlings, David

White and Mrs. John Goodall. The old-

est was 83 years of age and the youngest

75. They were victims of grip.

In Justice Hamner's court to-day

Joseph Richards and W. H. Crossman,

two boys, had a hearing on a charge of

stealing chickens from George Burch.

The chickens were sold to a poultry

house. They were held to answer. They

waived examination, and each gave \$100

to bail to await the action of the court.

DR. F. L. MATTHEWS, surgeon of the

Illinois State Militia, and medical direc-

tor of the Franklin Life Insurance com-

pany, Springfield, was buried yesterday.

Joe Alexander, W. M. Strange, Harry

Hays, Peter and Frank Honkle, of

Springfield, left early this morning for

Saint Louis, Mo., to attend the Alexander-Hadden

wedding to-morrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wadeon, of Paris, Ill.,

who have been visiting the city in the

course of their vacation, Justice and Mrs. A.

C. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Irwin, and son,

Walter of Rogers Park, are in the city

visiting Mrs. E. W. Anderson.

Mrs. Bertha Carver, who has been in

the city visiting Mrs. C. T. Hildebrandt,

has returned to the home in Altamont.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gridley, who have

been visiting friends, departed to-day for

their home in Altamont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, of St. Joe, Mo.,

were present last evening at the funeral of the

late Mrs. Malton Haworth.

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Mrs. Stevens has returned to Chicago.

She spent the holidays in this city, the

course of her vacation, Justice and Mrs. A.

C. Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Aldiss, left to-day for

their home in West Main street, left to-day for their home in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Judge Clark, of the Franklin Journal:

"I am sorry to say that I am unable

to be of service to you in this case."

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